

That is the community health care plan or the public option. I will conclude with this notion, that competition that lowers costs, increases choice, and improves service is a wonderful direction for health care reform to go. We have made many steps in that direction. But we have not gotten that bill to the President's desk. Let's do that. Let's get that bill that increases choice, improves service, and lowers costs, let's get that bill to the President's desk by Christmas.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MERKLEY. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, November 3; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate recess from 10:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to allow for a joint meeting of Congress; that following the joint meeting, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Benefits Extension Act of 2009; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons; and finally, that the time during any adjournment, recess, or period of morning business count postcloture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, German Chancellor Angela Merkel will address a joint meeting of Congress tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. Senators are encouraged to gather in the Senate Chamber at 10 a.m. so we may proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10:15.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. MERKLEY. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:04 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 10 a.m.